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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the specification with the substitute specification, excluding claims, submitted herewith under 37 C.F.R. 1.125(b).

In the claims:

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Amended Once) A steering device for vehicles including a steering shaft, the steering device comprising:

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